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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF AUDREY PALMER AS DIRECTOR OF
GRENADA TOURIST OFFICE

SENATOR AUDREY PALMER TOLD DEPTOFF APRIL 17 THAT SHE HAD
RESIGNED FROM HER POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE GRENADA TOUR-
IST OFFICE. MRS. PALMER EXPLAINED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT
PRIME MINISTER GAIRY WAS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PERSON TO
WORK FOR AND SAID THAT SHE HAD TENDERED HER RESIGNATION
CITING SEVERAL "PROBLEM AREAS" THAT THE GOG HAD IGNORED.
DEPTOFF HAD DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT PALMER'S RESIGNATION
HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL GAMBIT TO COMPEL GAIRY TO FOCUS MORE
ATTENTION PROBLEMS SHE HAD POINTED OUT. MRS. PALMER
CLEARLY DISAPPOINTED OVER EVENTS AND SAID THAT GAIRY HAD
THREATENED TO NOTIFY U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT SHE NO LONGER
ENJOYED OFFICIAL STATUS WITHIN GOG AND IMPLIED THAT THIS
WOULD RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF HER U.S. VISA. MRS PALMER.
SHOWED HER PASSPORT TO DEPTOFF. IT CONTAINED NORMAL B-2
VISA ISSUED BY EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN VALID FOR MULTIPLE
ENTRIES THROUGH 1978.

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